

In the Claims:

This list of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (currently amended) A method of making a material, comprising the steps of:
 coating a support with a solution comprising a hydrophilic polymer
and a blowing agent; and
 either prior to or after the step of coating said support, ~~interacting with~~
~~said solution to cause~~ing said blowing agent to generate gas bubbles within the
solution, causing foaming of said hydrophilic polymer.
2. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 1, in which the step of
interacting with the solution is performed after coating of the support and comprises
applying heat to said solution.
3. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 2, in which heat is applied
to the solution during drying of the coated support.
4. (original) A method according to claim 1, in which the
hydrophilic polymer is a polymer selected from the group consisting of polyvinyl
alcohol, polyethylene oxide, polyvinylpyrrolidone and gelatin.
5. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, in which a plurality of
~~layers of coating solutions, each comprising a hydrophilic polymer and a blowing~~
agent, are coated simultaneously onto said support.
6. (original) A method according to claim 1, in which a surfactant is
included in the solution of hydrophilic polymer and blowing agent.
7. (currently amended) A method according to claim 6, in which the surfactant
is a ~~fluoro~~fluoro-surfactant.

8. (currently amended) A method according to claim 6, in which the proportion by weight of surfactant to the solution is in an amount from about 0.01% to about 2.0%, ~~preferably, about 0.01% to about 1.0%.~~

9. (original) A method according to claim 1, in which the proportion by weight of blowing agent to polymer is in an amount up to about 200%.

10. (currently amended) A method according to claim 9, in which the proportion by weight of blowing agent to polymer is in an amount from about 10% to about 60%, ~~preferably, about 30% to about 50%.~~

11. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, in which the ~~interaction with the solution comprises~~ blowing agent is caused to generate gas bubbles within the solution thereby causing foaming of said hydrophilic polymer by applying heat to the solution.

12. (original) A method according to claim 11, in which heat is applied to the solution prior to coating of the support such the solution when coated onto the support has bubbles already formed therein.

13. (original) A method according to claim 12, in which the heat is applied by the addition of an acid to said solution to react with the blowing agent to thereby generate bubbles of gas in the solution.

14. (original) A method according to claim 11, in which a compound which on heating releases an acid is added to the solution, such that when the solution is heated, acid is released which reacts with the blowing agent to cause decomposition of the blowing agent.

15. (original) A method according to claim 1, in which the material is an inkjet medium.

16. (new) A method according to claim 6, in which the proportion by weight of surfactant to the solution is in an amount from about 0.01% to about 1.0%.

17. (new) A method according to claim 9, in which the proportion by weight of blowing agent to polymer is in an amount from about 30% to about 50%.